(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The target for Afforestation, including Social Forestry, is fixed on year to year basis in consultation with the State Governments. The target proposed for Andhra Pradesh for 1989-90 is 4000 lakh seedlings.

Norms of Bank Advances to priority Sector

978. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prescribed norms for commercial banks for advances to the priority sectors;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the foreign banks operating in India are covered by such norms; and

(d) what is the Government's evaluation of foreign banks performance with regard to socially oriented schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) All Scheduled Commercial Banks have been advised by Reserve Bank of India that 40 per cent of their total outstanding credit should be for Priority Sector which includes agriculture, small scale industries, small business etc. Further, 10 per cent of total outstanding credit should be for weaker sections which includes small and marginal farmers, tenant farmers and share croppers, landless labourers, artisans Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and beneficiaries under poverty alleviation programmes. Banks have also been advised that advances to direct agriculture should reach a level of atleast 17 per cent of the total credit by the end of March, 1989.

(c) and (d) The Reserve Bank of India has recently advised the foreign banks operating in the country that their priority sector advances should reach of level of 10 per cent of their net outstandings by the end of March, 1989 to be progressively increased to 15 per cent by the end of March, 1992. According to Reserve Bank of India the total outstanding credit in priority sector of 17 out of 21 foreign banks operating in India as at the end of June, 1987 constituted 5.9 per cent of their total outstanding credit.

Import of poley-balool-catheters

979. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Poley-Balool-Catheters are eligible for import as life saving equipments in terms of OGL Appendise—6 List-2 of ITC 88-89; and

(b) if so, under what heading and serial of the said list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The matter is under examination in consultation with the concerned technical authorities and information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of Infusion sets

980 DR. MOHD. HASIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether various types of Infusion sets or Drip sets are eligible for import as life saving equipments in terms of OGL list-2, Appendix 6 of ITC 1988-91; and